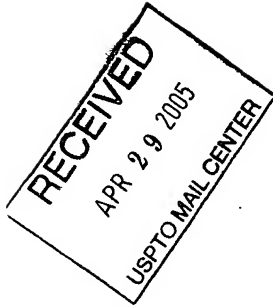


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10/761,520	01/21/2004	Bjarne Nielsen	674509-2021.2	4269

TITLE OF INVENTION: COMPOSITION

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/761,520

Examiner

William K. Cheung

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Preliminary Amendment.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 20-27,29,30,32 and 37-48.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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 2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/642,480.
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3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. In view of preliminary amendment filed January 21, 2004, claims 1-19, 28, 31, 33-36 have been cancelled. Claims 20-27, 29-30, 32, 37-48 are pending.

Allowances

2. Claims 20-27, 29-30, 32, 37-48 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As of the date of this office action, the examiner has not located or identified any reference that can be used singularly or in combination with another reference including the closest prior art of Yasumatsu et al. (US 4,426,477) to render the present invention anticipated or obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art.

The closest prior art Yasumatsu et al. (abstract) discloses a thermoplastic resin composition comprising a vinyl chloride resin, and a glycerin ester comprising R₁, R₂ and R₃ groups. However, Yasumatsu et al. are silent on a a glycerin ester compound having R₁, R₂, and R₃ as a branched chain acyl group (a long acyl group) and having a saturated chain having 10-20 carbon atoms and a hydrophilic branch group. Therefore, it would not be apparent to one of ordinary skill in art to use the composition teachings

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of Yasumatsu et al. to obtain the composition invention of claims 20-27, 29-30, 32, 37-48. The invention of claims 20-27, 29-30, 32, 37-48 is allowed.

In light of the above discussion, it is evident as to why the present claims are patentable over the prior art.

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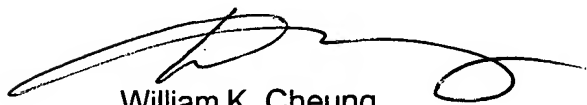
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William K. Cheung

Patent Examiner

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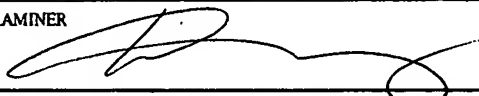
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